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Filed: February 28, 1997
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
COMPUTING OVER A WIDE AREA NETWORK

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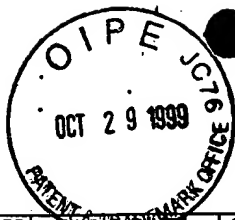
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DESCRIPTION

Cross Reference to Related Applications

10 This application claims the benefit of copending United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/012,905, entitled Method and Apparatus for Computing Within a Wide Area Network, filed March 6, 1996 on behalf of Paul L. Hickman and Michael L. Gough, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

15 This application is a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of U.S. Patent Application No. _____ (Atty. Docket No. ENVSP025A) filed on February 12, 1997 on behalf of Paul L. Hickman, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Computing Over a Wide Area Network", the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

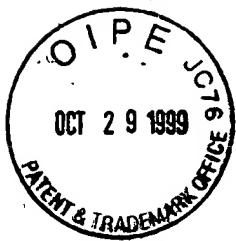
20 This application is related to copending U.S. Patent Application Attorney Docket No. ENVSP025BA, entitled Method and Apparatus for Computing Within a Wide Area Network of Paul L. Hickman and Michael L. Gough, filed on an even day herewith and owned in common with the present application, and incorporated herein by reference.

Technical Field

25 This invention relates generally to networks of computer systems, and more particularly to wide area networks such as the Internet and the World Wide Web as supported by the Internet.

Background Art

30 The Internet has, of late, become extremely popular. The origins of the Internet date back several decades to a U.S. government sponsored military/educational/business wide area network (WAN) that was designed to remain operational even in the event of the catastrophe, e.g. a major earthquake or a nuclear war. To accomplish this goal, robust protocols and systems were
35 developed which allowed a non-hierarchical, geographically distributed collection of computer systems to be connected as a WAN such that the loss of a particular



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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 14, 1998, please amend the above identified patent application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 15, please replace "_____ (Atty. Docket No. ENVSP025A)" with --08/799,787--.

Page 1, lines 18-19, please replace "Attorney Docket No. ENVSP025BA" with --08/810,679--.